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For IMPROVED RECOVERY OF LINEAR NUCLEIC
ACIDS BY SALT DILUTION AND/OR
REDUCED PRESSURE PRIOR TO
CONTINUOUS PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL
ULTRAFILTRATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003 (the period for
response to which has been extended to February 16, 2004 by virtue of the
accompanying petition and fee), please consider the following:

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A Declaration begins on page 5 of this paper.